



## **Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors**

City of Texarkana, Arkansas

216 Walnut Street

**Minutes - Monday, August 16, 2021 - 6:00 PM**

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

PRESENT: Mayor Allen Brown, Ward 1 Director Terry Roberts, Ward 2 Director Laney Harris, Ward 4 Director Ulysses Brewer, Ward 5 Director Barbara Miner and Ward 6 Director Jeff Hart.

ALSO, PRESENT: City Manager E. Jay Ellington, City Attorney George Matteson, and City Clerk Heather Soyars.

ABSENT: Assistant Mayor Ward 3 Steven Hollibush and Deputy City Clerk Jenny Narens.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance given by Mayor Brown.

\*Director Harris arrived at 6:05PM\*

### **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

No one came forward.

### **PRESENTATION**

1. Human Resources Presentation. (FIN) Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson  
Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson gave a brief PowerPoint presentation. (Please see attached)

### **CONSENT**

Director Hart made the motion to adopt the Consent agenda, Seconded by Director Roberts. The motion carried and the following items were approved:

2. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting August 2, 2021. (CCD)

### **REGULAR**

3. Ordinance No. 26-2021 levied the 2021 tax rate. (FIN) Finance Director TyRhonda Henderson  
Motion to read the ordinance the first time in abbreviated form made by Director Miner, Seconded by Director Hart.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Director Roberts, Director Harris, Director Brewer, Director Miner, and Director Hart.

The motion carried 6-0 and the ordinance was read the first time in abbreviated form.

Motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its second reading in abbreviated form made by Director Brewer, Seconded by Director Roberts.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Director Roberts, Director Harris, Director Brewer, Director Miner, and Director Hart.

The motion carried 6-0 and the ordinance was read the second time in abbreviated form.

Motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on its third and final reading in abbreviated form made by Director Miner, Seconded by Director Hart.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Director Roberts, Director Harris, Director Brewer, Director Miner, and Director Hart.

The motion carried 6-0 and the ordinance was read the third and final time in abbreviated form.

Motion to adopt the ordinance made by Director Hart, Seconded by Director Roberts.

Mayor Brown asked if anyone would like to speak for or against this ordinance.

No one came forward.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Director Roberts, Director Harris, Director Brewer, Director Miner, and Director Hart.

The motion carried 6-0 and the Mayor declared the ordinance adopted.

### **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager E. Jay Ellington said his goal was to provide excellent staff information to the Board. He planned additional monthly meetings with the Board of Directors to discuss their wards. He sent his Friday communication email to the staff and Board of Directors. He said new videos on the City's website and YouTube showcase different areas of departments. He also said he would like to repopulate and renovate neighborhoods with the help of Habitat for Humanity and vacant city lots.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, September 7, 2021**

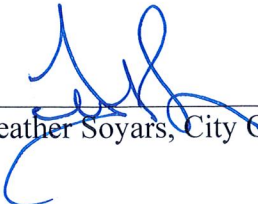
### **ADJOURN**


Motion to adjourn made by Director Brewer, Seconded by Miner.

Voting Yea: Mayor Brown, Director Roberts, Director Harris, Director Brewer, Director Miner, and Director Hart.

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM.

**APPROVED** this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

  
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Heather Soyars, City Clerk

  
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Allen L. Brown, Mayor